

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

This application is a division of prior application:

Applicant: Brian Robert Simpson et al.

Serial No.: 08/793,028

Group Art Unit: 1773

Filed: March 6, 1997

Examiner: D. Tarazano

For: FLOOR COVERING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced divisional application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, immediately after the title, please insert the following new section:

--Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is a divisional of Serial
No. 08/793,028, filed March 6, 1997 and
presently pending.--

On page 1, prior to the first full paragraph, please insert --Field of the Invention--;

between lines 6 and 7, please insert --Description of the Relevant Prior Art--; and

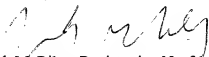
between lines 32 and 33, please insert --Summary of the
Invention--.

On page 18, between lines 25 and 26, please insert --Brief Description
of the Drawings--;

between lines 29 and 30, please insert --Detailed
Description of the Preferred Embodiments--.

If the Examiner has any questions relating to the application,
Applicant's attorney may be reached at (248) 647-6000.

Respectfully submitted,



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